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TODAY and TOMORROW

Wandering Wavell

FIELD Marshal Lord Wavell, the hero of many famous military retreats, has once again taken to flight as the situation has become too hot for him in India. The anti-British revolution and the resistance to the British war effort have been greatly intensified. As the revolution in India began to be intensified in September last, Wavell sent repeated warnings to the India Office asking for permission to make a personal report and to devise new measures for another attempt to solve the political deadlock in India. Now Churchill and Amery have come to the conclusion that there should be no further delay but that immediate attempts should be made to improve the situation in India. So Wavell has been asked to make a personal report.

Though Wavell's visit to England has been caused by the critical situation in India, yet the Britishers are not bothering about merely solving the Indian political crisis. All official and press reports on Wavell's home visit emphasise that the first and most important problem to be discussed between Wavell and the British authorities in London will be military matters, namely, new conditions arising out of concentration of the main British war effort against Nippon. The political situation will be considered only in as far as it relates to the war effort.

The British reports clearly state that Wavell's visit is not connected with the forthcoming Empire Conference in London or the San Francisco United Nations Conference. The British are not in the least bothered about the Indian people's criticism of the San Francisco Conference as a joint dictatorship by the so-called Big Three. The British do not worry about the proper representation of India at the United Nations Conference nor about India's rights and privileges among the nations of the world. On the other hand, they are bothered only about how to increase the exploitation of India to the utmost.

For the exploitation of India the British must make some sort of a political gesture to hoodwink and deceive the Indian people. That is why Amery says vaguely that he and the British Cabinet will review the whole Indian situation with the Viceroy.

Compromise suits the British perfectly. To them compromise means easier and increased exploitation of India for the war effort and also smooth continuation of the British Raj in India. But to the Indian people, who are determined to crush British Imperialism, compromise is out of the question. So Wavell's home trip will not bring about any political changes in India, only it will initiate a British reign of terror unprecedented in all the five years of the present war. Instead of solving the crisis in India, Wavell's home trip will thus make matters worse and will hasten the destruction of the British.

ENEMY DRIVE IN C. BURMA FRUSTRATED

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I.N.A. & Nippon Forces Smash Enemy Southward Advance At Taungtha

Central Burma, March 22 (Domei)—The enemy's southward advance from the Nyaungu area, in a bid to rush aid to his mobile units now trapped in the Meiktila area, was smashed by Nippon and Indian National Army forces on March 15 and 16 near Taungtha and at a point 25 kilometres south-east of Nyaungu respectively.

Delayed reports from the frontline stated that enemy troops, spearheaded by tanks, on March 15 attacked our positions at Height 676 just before Taungtha on the Myingyan-Meiktila road. Our numerically inferior troops stemmed the enemy drive for several hours by putting up stiff resistance and finally repelled the enemy. Four enemy tanks were destroyed and more than 90 enemy troops killed in this battle.

At dusk the same day the enemy again assaulted our positions at Height 1788, not far from Height 676. Our troops drew the enemy closer to our position and when night fell staged a fierce counter thrust, in which they killed more than 65 enemy troops and captured eight trenchmortars, four light machineguns and large quantities of ammunition.

On the afternoon of March 16 several hundred Gurkhas, led by British officers, with tanks and 15-centimetre guns, advanced from their bridgehead at Nyaungu toward our positions 25 kilometres south-east of Nyaungu.

The enemy attempted to carry out a powerful breakthrough under cover of tank and artillery bombardment but Nippon and Indian National Army forces repulsed him eastward after seven hours of continuous bloody battle, in which our forces staged close-range assaults against enemy tanks and hand-to-hand fighting with enemy troops.

Foe Ground Facilities Blasted In Night Raid

A Nippon Base in Burma, March 21 (Domei)—Defying hot enemy ground interception a Nippon night bomber formation last night, Mar. 20, blasted remaining enemy positions in the vicinity of East Airfield in Meiktila.

In daring dive-bombing attacks the Nippon raiders caused the whole target area to be enveloped in a sea of flame, destroying all existing ground facilities. All Nippon planes returned to base safely.

Wavell In Panic; Quits India On Special Mission

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Hurried Trip Home Due To Rising Tide Of Anti-Br. Revolt

Reflecting the panic and fear that have gripped the minds of the British authorities in India due to the growing strength of the anti-British revolution in the country, a despatch from New Delhi reveals that Lord Wavell, the British Viceroy and military dictator of India, has hurriedly left for London in order to seek the advice of his masters regarding the measures to be taken to cope with the serious crisis confronting the British in India.

Meanwhile, other despatches from London reveal the extreme anxiety felt among British political circles over the gravity of the crisis confronting the British in India. Faced with the ever-increasing anti-British activities in the country which are hampering all Anglo-American war efforts, political circles in Britain have expressed a keen desire to end the present deadlock in India.

Commenting on Lord Wavell's visit to London, Labour Member of Parliament, Emanuel Shinwell says that this is the opportune moment to endeavour to effect a solution. Another Labour Member, Pethick-Lawrence says that the visit of Lord Wavell will present a favourable occasion for further advance in the direction of

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CONGRESS MINISTRY IN N.W.F. PROVINCE; NETAJI HEARTILY WELCOMES NEWS

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Delegates To 'Frisco Confab Held Puppets Of India Government

Lisbon, Mar. 21 (Domei)—William Phillip Simms, foreign editor of the American Scripps Howard chain of papers, today declared that reports from India speak of "intense resentment" at the appointment of three definitely pro-British delegates to represent India at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, according to a New York dispatch.

Simms indicated that there appear to be many Indians who feel that these delegates do not fully represent the Indian people as the appointees have been hand-picked by the Indian Government.

Many of India's best friends also regret the "lukewarmness of her great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi toward the effort against the Axis," he said.

Meantime, the India League of America today was reported to have adopted a resolution strongly criticizing the choice of delegates "who are merely appointed by the foreign power which rules them."

The resolution urged the United States, the Soviet Union and Chungking to prevail upon Britain to replace the Indian delegates appointed to the San Francisco Conference with men such as Jawaharlal Nehru and Mohammed Ali Jinnah who, it said, are actually the representatives of the opinions and aspirations of the Indian people.

No Chance For India's Reactionaries To Serve As Tools Of Britain

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, has issued a statement heartily welcoming the formation of a Congress Ministry in the North-West Frontier Province, by the former Congress Premier Dr. Khan Sahib. The statement reads as follows:

After the outbreak of war in Europe in 1939 practically all Congressmen in India were of opinion that if Congress Ministers were forced to cooperate in Britain's war effort, it would be much better for them to resign rather than act as flunkeys of British Imperialism. My party in Congress was also of the same opinion but with slight reservations. In October 1939 Congress Ministries, including the Congress coalition Ministry in Assam resigned, when it was found that not only was British Government determined to force Congress Ministries to co-operate in their war effort, but it actually went so far as to scrap the Constitution of 1935 overnight in order to vest the Viceroy with dictatorial powers.

The resignation of Congress Ministries did not have the same effect in all Provinces. In Provinces like Bombay, Madras, United Provinces and others where Congress Party had absolute majority, an alternative Ministry could not be formed and the Governors of those Provinces had to take over and continue administration with the help of the "mailed fist". In other Provinces, for example, North-West Frontier Province and Assam where Congress had either bare majority or had to form a coalition with non-Congress groups in order to have a majority, it became possible for the Governor to set up an alternative Ministry through manoeuvre, intrigue and inducement.

After the formation of anti-Congress Ministries it was found two bad effects resulted therefrom: firstly, it became possible for the British Government to claim that the war effort was

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MAMMOTH MASS MEETING ARRANGED HERE TO MARK MARTYRS' DAY TOMORROW

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In common with other parts of East Asia, Syonan Indians will observe Martyrs' Day tomorrow under the auspices of the Indian Independence League, Syonan Branch, when a public meeting of Indians will be held at the local Branch premises in Waterloo Street at 6.30 p.m.

The day is observed in remembrance of the four Indian leaders, Sardar Pritam Singh, Swami Satyananda Puri, Captain Akram Khan and Sri Neelakanda Iyer, who lost their lives in an aeroplane accident three years ago while on their way to Tokyo to attend the first Indian Independence Conference there, and the three Indian patriots, Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukh Dev who avenged the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, the lion of Punjab, who lost his life as the result of lathi blows received at the hands of Superintendent Saunders at Lahore during a demonstration against the Simon Commissioners in that city.

The meeting will be addressed by His Excellency Sri N. Raghavan, the Finance Minister to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and resolutions will be passed reaffirming the pledge to continue the freedom struggle until final victory. The address of Sri Raghavan will be translated into Tamil and Hindustani.

All Indians are requested to hoist the National flag side by side with the Hinomaru in observance of the day.

Nippon Forces Damage Another Foe Battleship

Tokyo, March 22 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 3.30 p.m. announced:

"Of additional war results scored during our attack against the enemy task force yesterday, March 21, the following has been confirmed up to the present:

"One battleship heavily damaged."

U.S. Frantic Efforts To RepairDamagedVessels

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—A Washington dispatch, quoting a statement made by Rear-Admiral Collins, Chief of the American Navy Department's War-vessel Bureau, revealed that the United States Navy frantically is trying to cope with the growing number of battle-damaged war-vessels in the Pacific.

Collins is said to have stated that although American front-line bases in the Pacific are giving emergency repairs to damaged warcraft, the present facilities are unable to meet the mounting repair demands.

The American Navy, Collins revealed, is speeding the construction of repair bases on the Pacific coast and doing its utmost to cope with the situation.

As to conditions prevailing on the Atlantic coast, Collins said the situation there resembled one vast hospital for war-vessels. Heavily damaged warcraft are being transferred to the Atlantic for complete rehabilitation, Collins revealed.

Foe Infiltration Foiled In Salacsac War Front

Luzon Front, March 22 (Domei)—Reinforcing their troops in an attempt to penetrate into Cagayan valley, enemy forces are at present carrying on operations to break through Balete Pass, strong point on National Highway Number Five, as well as Salacsac Pass, west of Balete.

In his operations the enemy is directing two divisions strong from the San Jose sector and approximately one division from San Nicholas but as yet enemy attacks on Balete are not on a full-scale.

In the Salacsac sector, approximately one enemy division attempted to infiltrate into our positions through gaps in our lines but our forces have frustrated every enemy attempt and completely repelled them after inflicting heavy losses.

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settlement of problems in India.

Frankly admitting the seriousness of the situation, Arthur Greenwood, Leader of the Opposition, says that the Indian problem continues to give grave anxiety to many people in Britain. He adds that there is the strongest possible desire to see an early settlement emerge and for that reason news that Wavell's discussions with the British Government will also include Indian political question, will be a source of gratification. Professor George Catlin says, he hopes that Wavell's visit will produce liquidation of the whole situation which may lead to something constructive instead of the present deadlock.

While British political circles are expressing great concern over the sad plight of the British in India, Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, has stated in unmistakable terms that the British do not propose to offer India anything more than the notorious Cripps' proposals which were totally rejected by almost all political parties in India. With characteristic British arrogance, Amery said that the Cripps' offer still holds the field.

Minister Reveals Britain's Serious Food Position

Lisbon, March 20 (Domei)—Commenting on the United States' drastic reduction of Lend-Lease meat shipment to Britain, Colonel J. J. Llewellin, British Minister of Food, today declared that British food supplies are currently at their lowest minimum level and "there is no margin left for security," according to a London dispatch.

Llewellin categorically denied American claims that there was no need for further bolstering Britain's food supplies for the latter possessed food stocks amounting to 700 million tons. He said, "I wish it were true." He explained that British food stocks accumulated to meet emergencies of attacks on shipping and bombing were reduced last year and before D Day and "practically the whole quantity we have been maintaining for security reasons was allocated for the relief of liberated Europe."

Llewellin intimated that he and Oliver Lyttelton, British Minister of Production, might be compelled to go to Washington in order to discuss the meat and food supply situation, although no decision so far has been made.

United States Submarine 'Barbelis' Presumed Lost

Lisbon, March 21 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department today announced that the American submarine "Barbelis" is overdue from patrol and presumed lost, according to a Washington dispatch.

Crushing Blow Inflicted Upon Foe Task Force

Tokyo, March 22 (Domei)—The war results achieved by Nippon air units against the United States task force which appeared south-east of Nippon on March 18—twelve enemy warcraft sunk or heavily damaged out of which eight were aircraft-carriers—clearly reveal that the task force has been dealt a crushing blow.

In the course of four days' attack on the task force since its appearance in waters near the mainland last Sunday Nippon air units chiefly hammered at aircraft-carriers which formed its mainstay. On March 21 after being badly battered and crippled, the remainder of the enemy task force began to retreat southward.

During this four-day period, results chalked up by our air units are eight enemy ships sunk, of which two were definitely aircraft-carriers and three most probably also carriers, and four enemy vessels heavily damaged, of which two were definitely aircraft-carriers and one most probably also a carrier.

The enemy made a hurried retreat but only a few enemy ships escaped destructive Nippon air attacks. Thus, it must be expected that the enemy will reorganize his force and attempt a new plan of operation. To intercept and smash all future enemy plans of attack, an immobile position has been set up and full preparations made.

Luftwaffe Raids Several Places In South England

Lisbon, Mar. 21 (Domei)—German aircraft last night raided several places in Southern England, while there was also German air activity against Northern England, according to a London dispatch.

Netaji Welcomes Congress Ministry In North-West Frontier Province

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being carried on with the support of the Indian people. Secondly, anti-Congress Ministries set about trying to undermine the position and influence of the Congress Party in that Province.

Anticipating this development I was of opinion from the beginning that in provinces where it was possible for the Governor to set up anti-Congress Ministry which was bound to do more harm than good, it would be much more desirable to let Congress Ministry function either through its own strength or through coalition, with other groups. Although such Congress Ministry or Congress coalition Ministry would find itself in a somewhat embarrassing position under wartime conditions, nevertheless, less harm would result from it than if anti-Congress Ministry was allowed to function. It was for this reason that in 1940 I strongly advocated the formation of a Congress coalition Ministry in Bengal in order to offset the then reactionary Ministry which was dominated by the Muslim League.

After the resignation of Congress Ministries in 1939, reactionary Ministries came into existence in both North-west Frontier Province and Assam which were dominated by the Muslim League. Since both these provinces have strategic importance, reactionary Ministries could do more harm there than elsewhere. I therefore heartily welcome the formation of a Congress Ministry in the North-west Frontier Province by the former Congress Premier, Dr. Khan Sahib.

I know very well that Dr. Khan Sahib will have hard time under wartime conditions but I am sure that he will be strong enough to face any difficulty that may arise. Moreover if at any time he finds that the position of his party becomes intolerable he can easily resign. He had already made a good beginning by ordering the release of all political prisoners who were imprisoned by the British Government without any trial including the leader of the Province, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan. I would like to express the hope that Mahatma Gandhi will find it possible to modify his previous attitude and give his support to Dr. Khan Sahib and Ministry.

Greater Losses Are In Store For Anglo-Saxons

Tokyo, March 21 (Domei)—Paying high tribute to the bravery and grim tenacity of Iwoojima defenders, the Nippon Times editorially declares that the unprecedented enemy losses on the island, terrifying as they have been, are, however, but a small foretaste of what is in further store for the Americans. The paper adds, "The closer they approach the Nippon mainland, the more strongly fortified and defended are Nippon positions and more grimly and determinedly will Nippon resist."

Stressing that as long as a single Nippon-jin lives, Nippon can never be defeated, the Times says, "There will be no end of resistance and all that the Americans will have to show for their vain assault will be such losses as they have suffered on Iwoojima multiplied a thousand-fold." It asserts, "The Iwoojima campaign will be remembered forever for the fierce heroism of the outnumbered defenders who were able to inflict such crippling losses upon the discomfited foe."

Referring to the approximately 20,000 Marine casualties admitted by Admiral Nimitz's headquarters, the Nippon Times concludes, "In view of the customary American practice of announcing their casualties piecemeal and of suppressing the whole truth, it is probably safe to assume that actual American casualties amount to a good deal more than this reported figure."

Soviet Govt. Abrogate Treaty With Turkey

Lisbon, March 21 (Domei)—In a move fraught with deep political implications, the Soviet Government has formally notified Turkey of its intention to abrogate the Soviet-Turkish Friendship Treaty of 1925 on the ground that the pact no longer corresponds to current world conditions, according to a Moscow message.

The termination of the accord followed close on the heels of recent attacks on Turkey by the Russian press and radio, and dispatches from London and Washington indicated that the Anglo-American Governments are viewing the latest Soviet move with the deepest concern in the light of growing Russian influence in the Balkan and Mediterranean sphere.

All indications point to the fact that the Russians took their latest step without notifying Britain or the United States, although they were not obliged to do so. It will be recalled in this connection that the Russians have a great interest in the Dardanelles and would like to have the most influence possible in their control.

The official Soviet organ "Izvestia," commenting on the Russian denunciation of the accord, said, "It must be said that in the conditions of the present war, Soviet-Turkish relations in some cases have left something to be desired."

There were no indications in Moscow as to whether the Soviet Government intends to conclude a new and "more satisfactory" treaty with Turkey.

Enemy Destroyer Sunk Off Andaman Islands

An Undisclosed Nippon Base in the Southern Regions, March 21 (Domei)—One enemy destroyer was sunk and two others were heavily damaged and put to flight on March 19, when the Nippon garrison on South Andaman Island exchanged fire with three enemy destroyers which appeared off the island, local Nippon military authorities at noon today announced.

The communique stated:

"At about 8.30 o'clock on the morning of March 19, three enemy destroyers appeared in waters close to South Andaman Island and began shelling the island at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Our military and naval forces on the spot immediately exchanged shelling and sank one of the vessels and heavily damaged the others, putting them to flight. Virtually no losses were suffered by our side."

Henderson To Survey China's Economic Plight

Lisbon, Mar. 21 (Domei)—Leon Henderson, former Director of the American Office of Price Administration, is on his way to Chungking to set up a price administration in Chungking at the invitation of the Chiang Kai-shek Government, according to a Washington dispatch.

Henderson is expected to make a survey of economic conditions in China and return to the United States within a short time, after which he will make a report to the Chungking Government.

Henderson's latest trip suggests growing American desire to intervene directly into every aspect of the Chungking Government, eventually with the object of imposing a firm imperialistic grip on China after the war.

Political Unrest Flares Up Again In Palestine

Lisbon, March 21 (Domei)—Political unrest in Palestine today was reflected in a Reuter message from Damascus that Arab shops and concerns in Damascus today closed their doors as a protset against American statements favouring Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Political Parties To Cease Functioning

Lisbon, March 21 (Domei)—The Rumanian Minister of Interior has ordered the closing of the headquarters and branches of the National Liberal Party and the National Peasants Party throughout Rumania on the grounds of their alleged refusal to co-operate with the pro-Soviet Groza Government, according to a Bucharest dispatch.

MARRIAGE

The Marriage of Sri. Gopalakrishnan with Sow. Saraswathibai will be solemnised at No. 28, Kinta Road, Syonan, on Sunday the 25th inst., between 10.30 and 11 a.m.

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